Dr. S. John : (*a*) 184 patients on 20-11-1121.

(*b*) The accommodation and cots provided are for 76 patients. But hoping that the new wards proposed would be ready for occupation shortly some of the new applicants are also given admission. Hence the overcrowding.

Dining hall in the T. B. Hospital.

104. ❋ **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of inpatients who were expected to be accommodated in the existing dining hall, the number who now go to the dining hall for their meals on an average in the months of Meenam and Medom 1121 ; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the existing accommodation in the dining hall is far from satisfactory and inconvenient especially during the rainy season ?

Dr. S. John : (*a*) The dining hall is meant to accommodate such of the patients in the General Wards as are not bed-riden. The total accommodation in the General Wards is for 76 patients. Daily average number for Meenom is 132 and for Medom 141.

(*b*) The present accommodation is not sufficient and action is being taken to rectify this.

Paywards in the T. B. Hospital..

105. ❋ **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether any of the paywards Nos. 5 and 6 are provided with any furniture ;

(b) how long is it since such payward construction was completed ; and

(c) what will be the total cost necessary to provide these wards with furniture ?

Dr. S. John : *(a)* Yes. All the four new paywards are provided with furniture.

(b) About one year.

(c) In view of the answer to part (a) this question does not arise.

Out-patients in the T. B. Hospital.

106. ❋ **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that since patients are not admitted in the general wards for want of the necessary equipments, T. B. patients in large numbers have begun to occupy in large

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